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CRIMEBUSTER

in "THE SPACE PLATFORM"

STORY BY

**CHARLES
BIRO**

KEEP THE ACCELERATOR ON THE FLOOR, CRIMEBUSTER! WE'RE ALMOST THERE! LOOK! THAT'S IRON JAW'S BUS! HE MUST BE ALREADY ON BOARD THE SPACE STATION! THERE'S NO TIME TO LOSE!

IF IRON JAW ESTABLISHES A SPACE PLATFORM BEFORE WE DO, THE ENTIRE WORLD WILL BE IN GRAVE DANGER! TELL THE MEN TO COMMENCE FIRING! WE MUST STOP HIM!



THE GREAT PHYSICISTS OF TODAY, LIKE THE INVENTORS OF THE PAST, DEVOTE THEIR TIME AND KNOWLEDGE TO THE BETTERMENT OF MANKIND! THEY DESERVE MUCH MORE GLORY AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAN THEY GET! MOST OF THE FRUITS OF THEIR WORK ARE QUICKLY HARNESSSED BY INDUSTRY AND MEDICINE ALTHOUGH IT SOMETIMES ISN'T EVIDENT TO US! OUR LOT AND WAY OF LIFE ARE IMPROVING FOR THIS REASON! HOWEVER, ONCE IN A WHILE, A GREAT SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY MAY GET INTO THE HANDS OF EVIL PEOPLE WHOSE INTENTION IS NOT TO BETTER OUR LOT BUT DESTROY IT! THAT IS IRON JAW'S ONE AND ONLY PURPOSE!

Charles Biro

I WAS CERTAINLY SURPRISED WHEN I HEARD THAT YOU WERE ALMOST READY TO LAUNCH THE NEW ARTIFICIAL PLANETOID, DR. FORBUSH! THIS HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUSLY WELL KEPT SECRET!

IT HAD TO BE, CRIMEBUSTER! WE KNOW THAT HOSTILE NATIONS ARE BUILDING SIMILAR STRUCTURES AND IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT THEY DO NOT KNOW OF OUR PROGRESS!

HOW DO YOU PLAN TO PROPEL THE PLANETOID BEYOND THE EARTH'S GRAVITATIONAL PULL?

THAT WAS OUR MOST BAFFLING PROBLEM UNTIL THE NEW ATOMIC POWERED ROCKETS WERE DEVELOPED! PUTTING IT VERY SIMPLY, THE ATOMIC FORCE WILL ACTIVATE FOUR SPECIALLY DESIGNED ROCKETS, CAUSING THE SPACE PLATFORM TO SHOOT UPWARDS AT GREATER THAN SEVENTY MILES PER SECOND! ONCE OUTSIDE THE EARTH'S PULL IT WILL TEND TO REMAIN IN A FIXED POSITION!

THE PLATFORM WAS PLANNED FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, BUT WE MAY BE FORCED TO USE IT FOR MILITARY PURPOSES! WE HAVE ARMED IT WITH THE LATEST ATOMIC WEAPONS, IN CASE WE HAVE TO DEFEND IT FROM STRATOSPHERIC ATTACK!

I CAN SEE WHY YOU HAVE BEEN SO CAREFUL! IF THE U.N. DOESN'T HAVE CONTROL, A NATION COULD USE IT TO CONQUER THE ENTIRE WORLD!



THIS WILL GIVE YOU A PRETTY GOOD IDEA OF WHAT YOU'RE DEALING WITH, CRIMEBUSTER! THE CAPWALK WILL BE FOLDED UNDER IN FLIGHT FOR MINIMUM AIR RESISTANCE!

THIS IS VERY INTERESTING, DOCTOR, BUT I STILL DON'T QUITE SEE HOW I CAN HELP! MY SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE CERTAINLY ISN'T IN THE SAME LEAGUE WITH THE MEN YOU HAVE WORKING HERE WITH YOU!

THERE'S MORE THAN SCIENTIFIC KNOW-HOW NEEDED IN THIS PROJECT! WE NEED A CRACK TROUBLE-SHOOTER LIKE YOU! FOR INSTANCE, WE MUST SELECT THE FIRST CREW OF THE NEW PLANET! AND WE'D LIKE YOU TO DO IT! AND ANOTHER THING, WE'RE TERRIBLY SHORT OF LABOR, AND WANT SOME ADVICE ON THAT!

I CAN SEE WHY YOU HAVE TROUBLE GETTING WORKMEN! THE LIVING CONDITIONS AREN'T PLEASANT HERE, AND THE NEAREST CITY'S ALMOST SEVENTY-FIVE MILES AWAY!

I'VE GOT IT, DOCTOR! HUNDREDS OF PETTY EX-CRIMINALS AT STATE PRISON COULD BE ASSIGNED TO SOME OF THE MINOR JOBS! SURELY THIS PROJECT IS BIG ENOUGH SO THEY NEEDN'T KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON!

THAT'S SO! ONLY A HANDFUL OF MEN KNOW WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT...DO YOU THINK LOOVER WOULD APPROVE?



I'LL CALL HIM RIGHT AWAY! WE CAN GO SEE THE WARDEN AS SOON AS WE GET HIS OKAY!

WHILE YOU'RE CALLING I'LL CLEAR IT WITH MY COLLEAGUES! THEY'RE IN CONFERENCE NOW—SO I CAN SPEAK WITH THEM ALL AT ONCE!

DID'YA HEAR THE LATEST, IRON JAW? ALL THE GOODEY-GOODEY BOYS ARE GETTIN' OUT TO WORK AT SOME GOVERNMENT PLANT OUT WEST... SOME KID CALLED CRIMEBUSTER WAS HERE TALKIN' TO THE WARDEN!

CRIMEBUSTER, EH? MUST BE THAT SPACE PLATFORM PROJECT THAT EVERYBODY'S WORKING ON! THIS SOUNDS LIKE THE CHANCE I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!

WHEN ARE THEY LEAVING?

THEY'RE ALL GETTIN' A 4:30 TRAIN!

NOT MUCH TIME, BUT ENOUGH FOR IRON JAW! HMM, SHOULD BE AN EASY MATTER TO SUBSTITUTE MYSELF FOR ONE OF THE MEN—THEY'LL BE WEARING HEAVY WORK CLOTHES AND ONE OF THOSE HEAVY LUMBERJACKETS WOULD MAKE A PERFECT DISGUISE!



I HAVE IT! AT LEAST ONE OF THE IDIOTS IN THE INFIRMARY WILL BE SURE TO BE GOING! NOW TO PULL A SICK ACT AND GET IN THERE!

OOOHH! THE PAIN!! GET ME A DOCTOR, SOME-BODY! HELP! OOOOHHH!

HEY, YOU! WHAT'S ALL THE RACKET IN THERE?

SUDDEN SHARP PAIN...IN MY STOMACH! HELP ME! GET A DOCTOR!

WATCH HIM, JOE! HE'S A FIEND!

I KNOW BUT HE SURE LOOKS SICK NOW! KEEP THAT GUN ON HIM, AND I'LL TRY TO DRAG HIM DOWN TO THE INFIRMARY!



I'M SORRY-- INFIRMARY HOURS ARE OVER... GOOD GRIEF! IRON JAW!

I KNOW, DOC, BUT HE'S NOT DANGEROUS NOW! IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOT A BAD CASE OF APPEN-DICITIS!

OOOHHH! IT'S MY STOMACH, DOC-- THE PAIN'S KILLING ME!

HMMM... YOUR PULSE SEEMS NORMAL, BUT I CAN'T TELL MUCH UNTIL WE'VE CHECKED YOUR BLOOD-COUNT!

THIS IS WHAT I FIGURED ON! NOW'S MY CHANCE!

ALL RIGHT, DOC! YOU'VE DONE YOUR JOB--OUT OF MY WAY!

HE WAS JUST FAKIN'!

THE DOC'S A RIGHT GUY! I AIN'T LETTIN' THIS BIG APE GET AWAY WITH THAT!



JUST A MINUTE, MEN! GIVE ME A HAND WITH IRON JAW BEFORE YOU GO!

YOU PUNY FOOLS CAN'T STOP ME!

YOU'RE NOT SO TOUGH, IRON JAW! YOU JUST HAVEN'T RUN INTO A REAL MAN YET!

OOFFF! UGGHH!

YOU WILL LEARN TO RESPECT THE MIGHTY IRON JAW, YOU IGNORANT FOOL! YOU ARE FORTUNATE THAT I DO NOT HAVE MORE TIME TO REALLY TEACH YOU A LESSON!

HAH! THIS PASS IS THE FINAL TOUCH THAT WILL TAKE ME TO FREEDOM! I ONLY WISH I COULD SEE CRIMEBUSTER'S FACE WHEN HE LEARNS THAT I HAVE ESCAPED AGAIN!

HURRY UP, YOU! THE TRAIN IS DUE IN FIVE MINUTES!





ONLY TWO GUARDS TO HANDLE ALL THESE MEN! ESCAPING WILL BE A CINCH!

KEEP MOVING, MEN!



IT SURE FEELS GOOD TO BE ON THE OUTSIDE, DOESN'T IT?

YOU SAID A MOUTHFUL, FRIEND! HOLD MY SEAT FOR ME! I'M GOING TO GET A DRINK OF WATER!



GOOD-BY, MY IDIOTIC FRIENDS! I'M AFRAID I CAN'T WASTE ANY MORE TIME ON THIS TRAIN! I'VE GOT PLACES TO GO AND RIGHT NOW!



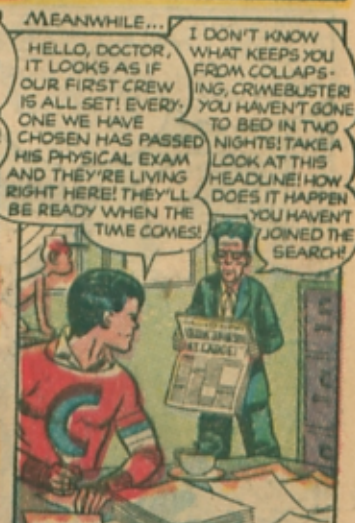
I WILL NEED CLOTHES AND MONEY... WHO IS IN THIS AREA? I KNOW - BROTSKY! I WILL CONTACT HIM!

THAT CAR SHOULD PROVIDE MY TRANSPORTATION!



HEY! WHAT! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING... IRON JAW!

YES, IRON JAW! OUT OF MY WAY, YOU IDIOT, OR I'LL SMASH YOUR HEAD IN! TELL THE OWNER OF THIS CAR THAT I'VE BORROWED IT FOR AWHILE! HA! HA!



MEANWHILE...

HELLO, DOCTOR, IT LOOKS AS IF OUR FIRST CREW IS ALL SET! EVERYONE WE HAVE CHOSEN HAS PASSED HIS PHYSICAL EXAM AND THEY'RE LIVING RIGHT HERE! THEY'LL BE READY WHEN THE TIME COMES!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT KEEPS YOU FROM COLLAPSING, CRIMEBUSTER! YOU HAVEN'T GONE TO BED IN TWO NIGHTS! TAKE A LOOK AT THIS HEADLINE! HOW DOES IT HAPPEN YOU HAVEN'T JOINED THE SEARCH!



I WISH I COULD, BUT I'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE THAT MY JOB HERE IS FINISHED IN TIME! I'M KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH LOOVER, AND HE'LL CALL ME AS SOON AS THEY GET A LEAD!

WE SHOULD BE READY IN LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS! I'M CERTAINLY GLAD YOU WERE ON THIS JOB!



WE'VE TESTED ALL THE SPECIAL SPACE CLOTHING, AND IT OPERATES PERFECTLY! IT'S BEEN STORED IN THE SPACE PLANE-TOIT! I CAN ALSO REPORT THAT ALL THE WEAPONS ARE INSTALLED AND IN FIRING ORDER!

FINE! THOSE SPACE SUITS HAVE BEEN A BIG HEADACHE! WE KNEW WE COULDN'T BREATHE OUTSIDE OF THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE, AND HAD TO FIND SOME WAY OF CARRYING AN AIR SUPPLY WITH EACH PERSON! I'M GLAD YOU STRAIGHTENED OUT THAT PROBLEM!



WE'RE TAKING NO CHANCES OF ANY INTERFERENCES BETWEEN HERE AND THE LAUNCHING SITE! THIS SPECIAL BUS IS STANDING BY AT ALL TIMES!

EXCELLENT, CRIMEBUSTER! YOU CAN GIVE THE DRIVER THE REST OF THE DAY OFF - WE WON'T BE NEEDING HIM TODAY!



HOW ABOUT A LIFT INTO TOWN, PAL? IT'S TOO COLD TO BE STANDING AROUND HERE!

IT SURE IS! THANKS A LOT, BUDDY!



M E A N W H I L E . . . I HAVE JUST RECEIVED A REPORT FROM MY AGENT, IRON JAW! THE GOVERNMENT TESTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND THE SPACE PLATFORM WILL BE LAUNCHED IN THE MORNING!

THAT'S OLD NEWS, BROTSKY! MY CONTACTS IN THE PLANT TOLD ME LAST NIGHT! COME OUT TO THE BARN AND I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I'M GOING TO DO!



THIS IS AN EXACT DUPLICATE OF THE BUS WHICH CRIMEBUSTER PLANS TO TAKE TO THE LAUNCHING SITE, BUT THEY WILL NEVER ARRIVE! THIS IS THE BUS WHICH WILL GET THERE, AND I'LL INSURE SUCCESS. I HAVE FOUND A DRIVER TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THEIRS TO BE SURE THEY'RE DELAYED!

ARE YOU SURE HE WILL NOT GIVE TROUBLE?



DOES HE LOOK LIKE HE WILL CAUSE TROUBLE? NO, IT WILL BE MY MAN WHO REPORTS TO THE BUS AND NO ONE WILL BE THE WISER! ALL RIGHT, IT IS TIME THAT YOU RETURNED! WE DO NOT WANT THEM TO BECOME SUSPICIOUS!

YES, SIR! I WILL LEAVE AT ONCE!



...THE BUS WILL TAKE US DIRECTLY TO THE LAUNCHING SITE! WE WILL IMMEDIATELY BOARD THE SPACE PLANETOID AND WILL ASSUME THE TAKE-OFF POSITION! WE WILL TAKE OFF WITHIN FIVE MINUTES, AND SHOULD REACH OUR DESTINATION IN SLIGHTLY OVER A MINUTE AND A HALF!

PARDON ME, CRIME-BUSTER! DR. FORBUSH WANTS YOU IN THE OPERATIONS ROOM AT ONCE!



I AM SORRY TO CALL YOU SO SUD-DENLY, MEN, BUT WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED SOME VERY SERIOUS NEWS MAKING IMMEDIATE ACTION IMPERATIVE! WE HAVE LEARNED THAT A HOSTILE POWER COMPLETED A PLATFORM SIMILIAR TO THIS AND WILL LAUNCH IT WITHIN A FEW DAYS! WE MUST BE FIRST!

WE ARE READY, DOC-TOR! WE WILL BOARD THE BUS AT ONCE!



THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT MOMENT OF MY LIFE, CRIME-BUSTER! MY ONLY RE-GRET IS THAT I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GO WITH YOU BUT MY WEAK HEART WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO STAND THE ACCELERATION!

DON'T WORRY, WE'LL SEE THAT EVERYTHING IS HANDLED JUST AS YOU WISH!



WHAT'S THE TROUBLE, DRIVER?

I DON'T KNOW, SIR! SHE WAS OKAY LAST NIGHT BUT SHE WON'T TURN OVER NOW!



THEY'RE JUST LEAVING, EH? THEY WON'T GET FAR! WE WILL START AT ONCE!

INTO THE BUS, MEN! THERE IS NO TIME TO LOSE!



THIS IS WORKING OUT AS I PLANNED! BY THE TIME CRIMEBUSTER GETS WISE WE WILL BE SHOOTING INTO SPACE!

YOU DESERVE ALL THE CREDIT, IRON JAW! IT TOOK REAL GENIUS TO DEVISE SUCH A FOOLPROOF SCHEME!



HAVE YOU DISCOVERED THE TROUBLE?

NOT YET! THE SPARK PLUGS ARE OKAY! MAYBE IT'S THE BATTERY!

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT ANY LONGER! I'LL PHONE FOR ANOTHER BUS!

IRON JAW GAVE ME STRICT ORDERS TO DELAY THEM FOR AT LEAST A HALF AN HOUR! I'LL HAVE TO STOP HIM - EVEN IF I HAVE TO GIVE MYSELF AWAY!



MAYBE THIS WILL STOP YOU!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, SQUEEKS? OH, SO THAT'S IT, EH?

HURRY! CRIMEBUSTER NEEDS HELP!



GRAB HIM, MEN! THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT ALL THIS!

ALL RIGHT, YOU, WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT? TELL US THE TRUTH OR WE'LL BEAT IT OUT OF YOU!



OKAY! I'LL TELL YOU, BUT IT'S TOO LATE FOR YOU TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT, ANYWAY! YOUR DRIVER WAS CAPTURED BY IRON JAW, AND I WAS SENT TO SABOTAGE YOUR DEPARTURE!

IRON JAW! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN HE'D TRY AND INTERFERE WITH OUR PLANS!



YOU CAN NEVER OUTSMART IRON JAW! WHY DO YOU KEEP ON TRYING?

COME HERE CRIMEBUSTER! I'VE FOUND THE TROUBLE... A DISCONNECTED WIRE!

LET'S GO! THERE MAY STILL BE TIME!



HERE SHE GOES! LET'S HOPE WE'RE NOT TOO LATE!

HURRY! WE CANNOT LET IRON JAW SUCCEED, OR THE FREE WORLD WILL BE DOOMED!



MEANWHILE...

THERE'S THE SPACE PLATFORM, IRON JAW! BUT IT'S SURROUNDED BY GUARDS! WHAT SHALL WE DO?

START SHOOTING AS SOON AS WE COME INTO RANGE!



THAT WILL SILENCE THE STUPID FOOLS! GET INSIDE AND TAKE YOUR PLACES! WE TAKE OFF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

IT WILL TAKE BUT A FEW MOMENTS, IRON JAW! CRIMEBUSTER COULDN'T POSSIBLY INTERFERE NOW!



TAKE THE NEXT RIGHT TURN! WE'RE ALMOST THERE!

THERE IT IS! WE MAY STILL BE IN TIME!



THERE'S ANOTHER BUS LIKE THIS ONE! IRON JAW MUST HAVE BUILT IT SO THAT HE COULD APPROACH WITHOUT AROUSING THE GUARDS' SUSPICION!



THE FIEND HAS MURDERED EVERY ONE OF OUR GUARDS!

THE OUTER DOOR IS SHUT, CRIMEBUSTER! THEY MUST BE ON BOARD ALREADY! I DOUBT IF WE CAN STOP THEM NOW!



THIS ISN'T BAD, IRON JAW! I EXPECTED THE FRICTION FROM THIS GREAT SPEED WOULD CAUSE IT TO BECOME TERRIFICALLY HOT!

NO, THE OUTER HULL IS MADE OF SPECIAL HEAT RESISTANT STEEL WHICH KEEPS THE INNER TEMPERATURE CONSTANT! THIS IS ALSO A DEVICE TO KEEP THE PRESSURE THE SAME! SHE IS A WELL BUILT SHIP! TOO BAD THE IDIOTS NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO USE IT!



IT SHOULD BE SAFE TO UNSTRAP OURSELVES NOW! MEN, GET TO YOUR POSITIONS!

I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND, IRON JAW! WHAT WILL STOP THIS TERRIFIC SPEED? WE WILL GO ON FOREVER THROUGH SPACE!



WE WILL ONLY CONTINUE UNTIL WE GET OUTSIDE THE GRAVITATIONAL PULL OF THE EARTH...WE WILL THEN SLOW DOWN AND STOP! THE GYROSCOPIC CONSTRUCTION WILL KEEP US ON A CONSTANT AXIS AND IN A FIXED POSITION! WITH THE RADAR-CONTROLLED GUIDED MISSILES WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SO KIND AS TO PROVIDE FOR US, WE WILL BE ABLE TO DROP AN ATOMIC SHELL ON ANY POINT WE CHOOSE!



THIS IS THE PANEL FROM WHICH WE CAN FIRE OUR ATOMIC MISSILES! IF THEY DO NOT SURRENDER, WE WILL...

WE HAVE COME TO A COMPLETE STOP, IRON JAW! WHAT ARE YOUR INSTRUCTIONS?



SWITCH OVER TO GYROSCOPE CONTROL - WE HAVE REACHED OUR FINAL POSITION! GET INTO YOUR MAGNETIZED SHOES, MEN! WE ARE COMPLETELY WEIGHTLESS WITHOUT THE PULL OF GRAVITY!

STAND BY THE RADAR EARTH PLANETOID MESSAGE CONTROL PANEL! I WILL SHOW CRIMEBLUSTER THAT I MEAN BUSINESS!

I HAVE MADE CONTACT WITH EARTH, IRON JAW!

EXCELLENT! SEND THE MESSAGE THAT IF THEY DO NOT SURRENDER UNCONDITIONALLY, I WILL DESTROY THEM ALL! TO SHOW THEM WHAT I CAN DO, TELL THEM THAT IF THEY DO NOT SURRENDER WITHIN TWENTY FOUR HOURS, I WILL DESTROY THE LUXURY LINER QUEEN ANNE!

I JUST HEARD THAT IRON JAW ESCAPED WITH THE GOVERNMENT SPACE STATION!

YES! WE JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT IF WE DO NOT LAY DOWN OUR ARMS WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, IRON JAW WILL DESTROY THE QUEEN ANNE! SHE'S AT SEA NOW FULLY LOADED WITH PASSENGERS AND THREE DAYS FROM THE NEAREST PORT!

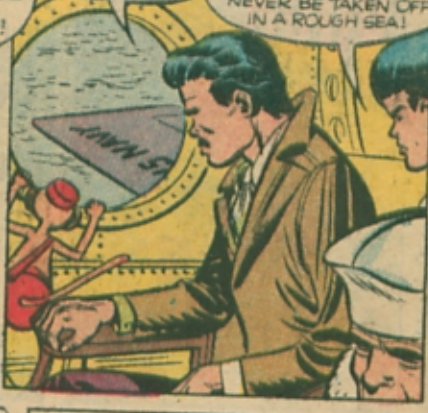


WE MUST CALL THE NAVY AND COAST GUARD AT ONCE! THERE'S STILL TIME TO REMOVE THE PASSENGERS, THOUGH IT'S PROBABLY TOO LATE TO SAVE THE SHIP!

AND HAVE THEM SEND US A PLANE! WE HAVE JUST TIME TO FLY TO THE EAST COAST! THERE MAY STILL BE SOMETHING WE CAN DO!

WE'RE PASSING OUT OVER THE ATLANTIC OCEAN, C.B.! AT THIS SPEED WE SHOULD SIGHT THE QUEEN ANNE IN LESS THAN FOUR HOURS!

I HOPE THE NAVY WAS ABLE TO ROUTE SOME SHIP TO THE QUEEN ANNE! IT'S A GOOD THING THAT WE HAVE CLEAR WEATHER! THOSE THOUSANDS OF PASSENGERS COULD NEVER BE TAKEN OFF IN A ROUGH SEA!



AND FOUR HOURS LATER...

GOOD NEWS, MR. LOOVER! WE JUST RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM THE NAVY THAT ALL PASSENGERS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE QUEEN!

WONDERFUL! TELL OUR PILOT TO HEAD AWAY FROM THE QUEEN AT THE GREATEST POSSIBLE SPEED! THE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS ARE ALMOST UP!



THEIR TIME IS UP AND THEY HAVE NOT SURRENDERED! I WILL SHOW CRIMEBLUSTER THAT I AM NOT PLAYING GAMES!

FIRE ONE RADAR GUIDED MISSILE AT THE QUEEN ANNE!



THAT'S THE END OF THE QUEEN ANNE, C.B.! IRON JAW WASN'T BLUFFING!

RIGHT ON SCHEDULE, TOO! WE'VE GOT TO DESTROY THAT SPACE STATION, LOOVER, OR WE MAY AS WELL SURRENDER THE ENTIRE WORLD!



WE COULD GET UP THERE AND STOP HIM IF WE HAD AN ATOM-POWERED ROCKET! BUT ALL OUR ROCKET MEN HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE SPACE STATION! I KNOW THE ENEMY IS BUILDING ONE, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHERE!

MY MEN ARE HOLDING THE BUS DRIVER THAT IRON JAW SENT TO SABOTAGE YOUR BUS, C.B.! WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET SOMETHING OUT OF HIM! LET'S GIVE A TRY!

WE KNOW THAT IRON JAW'S EMPLOYERS ARE BUILDING AN ATOM-POWERED ROCKET, AND WE MUST FIND IT! IF YOU DON'T TELL US WHAT YOU KNOW, WE'LL SEE THAT YOU'RE RETURNED TO IRON JAW! AND YOU KNOW HOW HE TREATS THE MEN WHO HAVE FAILED HIM!

NO! NO! DON'T LET IRON JAW GET ME! I WILL TELL YOU HOW TO FIND THE ROCKET! I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY!

ANOTHER MESSAGE HAS COME FROM IRON JAW! HE GIVES US ANOTHER TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TO SURRENDER, OR HE WILL BLOW UP THE CITY OF NEW YORK!

WE MUST GET THAT ENEMY ROCKET AT ALL COSTS, C.B.! A PLANE IS WAITING FOR YOU! I'VE GOTTEN MR. KEENE, AN FBI AGENT, TO GO WITH YOU!

GLAD TO HAVE YOU, MR. KEENE! IRON JAW'S MAN WILL GO WITH US, TOO! I ONLY HOPE THE ENEMY HASN'T LEARNED OF HIS CAPTURE, AS WE'RE COUNTING ON HIM TO GET US INTO THEIR CAMP!

THEIR ROCKET SITE IS ONLY A FEW MILES FROM HERE, CRIME-BUSTER!

TAKE THE RADIO AND TELL THEM THAT, UNDER IRON JAW'S ORDERS, WE HAVE CAPTURED THIS PLANE! TELL THEM WE ARE BRINGING THE GOVERNMENT PLANS FOR A NEW TYPE OF ATOMIC POWERED SPACE SHIP, AND WE WISH TO SELL THEM! ASK PERMISSION TO LAND!

THEY HAVE A STRANGE STORY, CAPTAIN! WHAT DO YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO?

IT CAN DO NO HARM TO LET THEM LAND, BUT HAVE YOUR GUNS READY! IF THEY ARE TELLING THE TRUTH, IT WILL BE A GREAT THING FOR US! IF THEY ARE LYING, THEY WILL NOT LIVE TO LEAVE HERE!

I HOPE THOSE PHONY PLANS CONVINCED THEM ... AT LEAST UNTIL WE CAN ESCAPE WITH THE ROCKET!

AS SOON AS YOU CAN, TRY TO GET US OVER TO INSPECT THE ROCKET! WHEN WE GET NEAR ENOUGH, WE'LL MAKE A BREAK FOR IT! YOU WILL STAY ON THE GROUND TO LAUNCH THE ROCKET... THEN YOU MAY GO FREE!

THESE PLANS WILL BE MOST WELCOME BY OUR GOVERNMENT! THE PLACE IS YOURS, GENTLEMEN! WHAT CAN I SHOW YOU?

OUR SPIES HAVE TOLD US MUCH ABOUT THE ROCKET, CAPTAIN! COULD YOU SHOW IT TO US?

FOR HEROES SUCH AS YOU, NOTHING IS TOO MUCH!

ALL RIGHT, GUARDS, YOU MAY STAND AT EASE! WELL, GENTLEMEN, HERE SHE IS... JUST WAITING FOR ORDERS TO TAKE OFF!

SHE IS BUILT IN THREE SECTIONS! TWO WILL DROP OFF AND RETURN TO EARTH BY PARACHUTE WHEN THEIR POWER IS EXPENDED! THE THIRD PART HAS WINGS, AND WILL BE LANDED BY THE PILOT!

I WONDER IF WE COULD SEE THE INSIDE! IT MUST BE MOST FASCINATING!

SORRY, BOYS, BUT THIS IS WHERE YOU GET OFF!

THROW THE SWITCH, MAN! HURRY, WHILE THEY ARE OFF * GUARD!

WHAT IS?

I'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THEY REALIZE WHAT HAPPENED!

BRROARRR

THAT SPOT IS THE SPACE STATION, C.B.! WE'LL BE THERE IN A FEW MINUTES! DO YOU WANT TO HANDLE THE RADAR MESSAGE TO IRON JAW?

I'LL BE VERY HAPPY TO GIVE HIM THE BAD NEWS! I ONLY WISH I COULD SEE HIS FACE WHEN HE HEARS MY VOICE COMING FROM ONE OF HIS OWN COUNTRY'S ROCKETS!

IT IS THE ROCKET THEY WERE BUILDING AT OUR SECRET BASE! HAVE EVERYONE STAND BY TO WELCOME OUR AGENT!

SOMETHING IS WRONG, IRON JAW! THEY HAVE ORDERED US TO ABANDON THIS SHIP OR THEY WILL BLOW IT UP! AND CRIMEBUSTER IS SENDING THE MESSAGE!

IF YOU DON'T ABANDON THE SPACE STATION IN 30 SECONDS, WE WILL BLOW IT UP! THE SHIP IS EQUIPPED WITH HELIUM PARACHUTES PROPELLED BY MINIATURE ATOMIC-POWERED ROCKETS! USE THEM TO RETURN TO EARTH, OR YOU'LL NEVER SEE IT AGAIN!

CURSE HIM! HE HAS US OUTGUNNED AND HE KNOWS IT!

ONLY TEN SECONDS LEFT, IRON JAW!

WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO OBEY...THERE IS NO TIME FOR ANYTHING ELSE! I WILL GO FIRST! FOLLOW ME!

THERE THEY GO, CRIME-BUSTER!

GOOD! SEND A MESSAGE TO EARTH TO STAND BY FOR THEIR ARRIVAL! WE MUST TAKE NO CHANCES ON THEIR ESCAPING AGAIN! NOW LET'S GIVE THIS ROCKET A BLAST AND TAKE HER DOWN!

OUR POWER HAS FAILED COMPLETELY, C.B.! WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE A LANDING!

JETTISON THE TALE SECTION AND HEAD FOR THE EAST RIVER!

THEY'VE CRASHED! GET THOSE BOATS OVER THERE...THERE MAY STILL BE A CHANCE THEY'VE SURVIVED! POOR KID, I NEVER SHOULD HAVE LET HIM GO!

UP THERE!

CRIME-BUSTER! THANK HEAVENS!

SO THOSE ARE THE FELLOWS THAT WANTED TO BLOW US UP, ARE THEY? DON'T BE TOO CAREFUL WITH THAT PITCHFORK, SON!

I JUST HOPE THAT IRON JAW FELLA TRIES SOMETHING! HE'LL GET A HIDE FULLA BUCKSHOT!

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WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND ?

Dear Reader :

In every issue of **BOY COMICS** this page is devoted to your opinions, ideas and suggestions. We have the pens and the talent, but you must supply the guidance. It will appear as you like it, but we must first know what's on your mind.

I enjoy reading your comics very much. I get every month's issue of each of your comics at my favorite newsstand. I wish you would have Iron Jaw in more of your issues. I enjoy his stories the most. Keep up the interesting stories as you have been doing.

Raymond Collier
247 School St.
Mayville, Wisc.

I think Boy Comics are great. I don't know how Charles Biro ever got the character of Iron Jaw. He sure makes the comics exciting. I get a thrill from reading Iron Jaw vs. Crimebuster. CB sure is tough. I think Squeeks is so funny. I just want to give my thanks to Charles Biro for these wonderful comics.

Jane Wilkins
343 No. Broadview
Wichita 8, Kans.

You can be sure your comic books, Boy, Crime Does Not Pay and Daredevil are appreciated around our house. My father and mother enjoy reading them, too. My brother and I must have two hundred or more of these comics, and you can be sure they're read and reread. We enjoy all the stories in your book. I know reading your comics is a typical scene in many American homes.

Nancy Lou Ryan
12 Fairfax Place
Utica, N. Y.

I'm just writing to let you know how much I enjoy reading all your comic magazines. I think all your magazines are tops, but my favorites are Boy, Daredevil and Black Diamond. They are always full of good, clean entertainment. You can always tell a Lev Gleason publication by the exciting, colorful cover. I think these magazines show the true American way of living and that everyone has a chance regardless of race, color or creed.

Robert Brown
701 Cedar Lane
Tarboro, N. C.

I am eighteen years old and I started reading Boy and Daredevil five years ago. Your stories are very good. I especially like Black Diamond Western. It is better than any other Western on the newsstand. I think your magazines are perfect.

Ernest Trice
408 Connello
Texarkana, Ark.

I think that Boy Comics are very good for boys and girls to read. It shows them that crime does not pay. I also think that it is very thoughtful of you to have this page open for the various letters which children write.

Shirley Cooper
Box CC
Glasco, Kans.

I have been reading your comics for a long time, and I truthfully think they are the best. All my friends agree that Boy, Crime Does Not Pay and Daredevil have put many youngsters on the right road — the road to an honest and clean life. Keep writing these wonderful stories.

George Bassett
226 E. 14 St.
New York 3, N. Y.

I like Boy Comics very much. I wish I could see him in person. He is smart as a whip. I would like to be like him. I like Squeeks, too. He is so funny. I am glad Crimebuster has Squeeks along with him.

Buddy Tullas
1200 W. Wall St.
Midland, Tex.

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CRIMEBUSTER

in "ATOM
BULLETS"

STOP, CRIMEBUSTER!
ARE YOU CRAZY?
YOU'LL RUIN THE WHOLE
REARMAMENT
CONFERENCE BY
THIS!

I'LL
TAKE
CARE
OF
HIM!

THIS IS AN
OUTRAGE! IT
WAS AN UN-
PROVOKED
ATTACK ON
MR.
DUBLOC!

I DEMAND
CRIMEBUSTER'S
ARREST!

IRON JAW IS A
GLUTTON FOR
PUNISHMENT! TIME
AND AGAIN, CRIME-
BUSTER HAS GIVEN
HIM HIS LUMPS,
BUT HE KEEPS
COMING BACK
FOR MORE! HOW
LONG CAN IRON
JAW'S INCREDI-
BLE LUCK HOLD
OUT - OR CRIME-
BUSTER'S FOR
THAT MATTER?

Charles Biro

story by
**CHARLES
BIRO**





THERE'S A
PIECE OF
HIS
CHUTE!

LOOKS LIKE
HE CRASHED
RIGHT INTO
THE DEVIL'S
CHASM...

THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED! THERE'S
NO USE LOOKING FOR HIM! HE'S A
GONER! IF HE WASN'T KILLED WHEN
HE LANDED, HE COULDN'T HAVE
LASTED LONG IN THE CHASM! HIS
BODY PROBABLY WON'T WASH
OUT TILL SPRING!

FOR A WHILE I BELIEVED IRON JAW
MIGHT HAVE ESCAPED WHEN HE
LANDED IN THAT MOUNTAIN FALL
BUT THERE'S BEEN NO TRACE OF HIM IN
OVER TWO MONTHS SO I GUESS HE
REALLY DID DIE! I STILL WISH I'D
SEEN HIS BODY! THIS WAY WE CAN
NEVER BE SURE!

I'M CERTAIN WE'VE SEEN THE END OF
HIM! NOW, LET'S TALK ABOUT A MORE
CHEERFUL SUBJECT! WE HAVE A NEW
ASSIGNMENT! WE'RE TO FLY TO
WASHINGTON TO SERVE AS SPECIAL
GUARDS FOR THE DELEGATES ATTEND-
ING THE WESTERN REARMAMENT
CONFERENCE!

WONDERFUL!



WE MUST HAVE
ASSURANCE THAT
THE UNITED STATES CAN
PROVIDE US WITH
EFFECTIVE WEAPONS IF
WE REARM!

TRUE!

OUR
PROBLEM
IS THE
SAME!



MR. DUBLOC, THAT IS ONE
PURPOSE OF THIS CONFERENCE!
MY COUNTRY IS PREPARED TO
SHOW YOU THE AMAZING NEW
WEAPONS WE HAVE CREATED!
TOMORROW WE WILL TAKE YOU
ON A TOUR OF OUR NEWEST
SECRET ARMAMENT PLANT! I'M
SURE IT WILL CONVINCE YOU
MORE THAN WORDS
COULD!



HOLD
IT!

JUST ONE
MORE
SHOT!

CAN YOU
LOOK THIS
WAY AMBAS-
SADOR?

MEANWHILE, AT A MAKEUP STUDIO IN TIMES SQUARE...

HERE IS HIS PICTURE! MAKE MY FACE EXACTLY LIKE HIS! I'LL PAY YOU \$1000! AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT MY IRON JAW! I CAN TAKE THAT OFF!

MAKEUP'S
FACE SCUL



TWO HOURS LATER, AT THE HOTEL SUITE OF UNITED NATIONS DELEGATE DUBLOC...

"ALREADY I AM CONVINCED THAT OUR COUNTRY SHOULD COOPERATE WITH THE UNITED STATES!"



THE POLICE OUTSIDE HIS ROOM HEARD NOTHING! HE NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO CRY OUT!



THREE MINUTES IN THIS WILL FORM A GOOD TOUGH FILM....



...NOW I STRIP THEM OFF AND OIL THE INSIDE THOROUGHLY...



THREE MORE MINUTES AND THIS PLASTIC WILL MAKE A COPY OF HIS PRINTS SO THAT WHEN I POUR IT OUT AND STRIP OFF THE NEGATIVE COPY...



...I HAVE A PERFECT COPY OF HIS FINGERPRINTS THAT I CAN WEAR AS GLOVES! AHH... HE IS REVIVING!



YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH KIDNAPING ME! THE FBI WILL BE ON YOUR TRAIL THE MOMENT THEY DISCOVER I'M GONE!

AH, BUT THEY WON'T DISCOVER THAT YOU ARE MISSING! I AM GOING TO TAKE YOUR PLACE!





YOU ARE INSANE!
YOU CAN'T! HOW
COULD YOU EVER
LOOK LIKE ME!

YOU'LL SEE! IT'S A
PITY I CAN'T HEAR
YOUR REACTION
AS I'LL HAVE TO GAG
YOU FIRST! WAIT
TILL YOU SEE
THE MASK I
HAVE!



YOU DO NOT HAVE
TO TALK! I CAN SEE
BY THE EXPRESSION
IN YOUR EYES THAT
IT IS SUCCESSFUL!



SWEET DREAMS, DUBLOC!
YOU'LL PROBABLY SUFFO-
CATE IN THERE BEFORE
ANYONE FINDS YOU!



SOMEONE'S AT
THE DOOR! I
BETTER GO
BACK!

Knock!
Knock!



JUST A MOMENT! JUST
A MOMENT! WHO
IS IT!



I'M SORRY TO
TROUBLE YOU, MR.
DUBLOC! WE WANTED
TO MAKE A PERSONAL
CHECK TO BE CERTAIN
THAT EVERY MEMBER
OF THE CONVENTION
IS SAFE! WHEN YOU
DIDN'T ANSWER
AT FIRST I WAS
WORRIED!

I WAS DOZING!
HOWEVER, I
AM PLEASED
TO SEE HOW
CAREFUL
YOU ARE OF
MY WELFARE!
I SHALL SLEEP
WITHOUT FEAR
KNOWING I
AM WELL
GUARDED!

GOOD NIGHT! SEE
YOU TOMORROW!



I DON'T LIKE TO INCONVENIENCE
YOU BUT FOR SECURITY REASONS
WE MUST TAKE FINGERPRINTS
AND CHECK THEM WITH THOSE
ALREADY FILED WITH THE FBI!
THIS SECRET ARMS PLANT
REQUIRES ABSOLUTE
IDENTIFICATION!

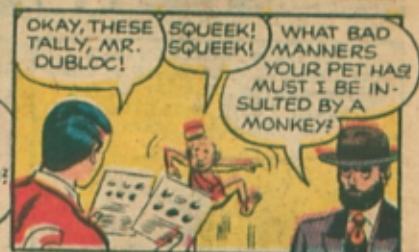
A VERY WISE
PRECAUTION...



NOW YOUR
FOREFINGER...

SQUEEK!
SQUEEK!
SQUEEK!

SQUEEKS!
WHAT'S
GOTTEN
INTO YOU?
KEEP
STILL!



OKAY, THESE
TALLY, MR.
DUBLOC!

SQUEEK!
SQUEEK!

WHAT BAD
MANNERS
YOUR PET HAS
MUST I BE IN-
SULTED BY A
MONKEY?



THERE-YOU CAN SPEND
THE REST OF THE DAY IN
THE CAR, SQUEEKS! OF
ALL THE TIMES FOR YOU
TO RAISE A RUMPLUS!
I'M ASHAMED OF YOU!

SQUEEK!
SQUEEK!
SQUEEK!

THIS NEWEST GUN FIRES A NON-RADIOACTIVE ATOM CHARGE OF TERRIFIC POWER THAT IS THE EQUIVALENT OF FIVE GRENADES, AND SHOOTS TWELVE ROUNDS WITHOUT RELOADING WITHOUT RELOADING! I WILL DEMONSTRATE ON THE FIRING RANGE!



I WILL FIRE AT THAT GROUP OF TARGET BUILDINGS! THEY ARE THREE HUNDRED YARDS AWAY!



IT IS INCREDIBLE! STUPENDOUS!

HOW CAN WE TELL IT IS NOT A TRICK? PERHAPS THE BUILDINGS WERE RIGGED WITH EXPLOSIVES SET TO GO OFF!

NOT A SPLINTER LEFT!

DANGER! FIRE IN RANGE!



RIDICULOUS! WHY WOULD WE DO THAT?

I CANNOT TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT! LET ME SEE FOR MYSELF HOW THIS GUN WORKS! LET ME FIRE IT!



I AM SORRY, SIR, BUT THESE NEW WEAPONS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE FIRED BY ANYONE BUT THE SCIENTIST IN CHARGE OF THE DEMONSTRATION!

AHH... I AM MORE CONVINCED THAN EVER THAT IT IS TRICKERY! YOU WISH TO MAKE US THINK YOU HAVE A GREAT, NEW WEAPON AND IT IS PROBABLY NOTHING BUT A FAKE!



DUBLOC IS A SHREWD MAN! PERHAPS THERE IS SOMETHING TO WHAT HE SAYS!

TRUE! HOW CAN WE TELL THAT THE GUN HAS SUCH POWER!



HERE! I WILL PERMIT YOU TO FIRE ONE SHOT! I THINK IT WILL CONVINCING YOU! BE SURE TO AIM ONLY AT THIS TARGET RANGE! THE OTHER AREAS ARE ATOM MUNITION DUMPS AND A CARELESS SHOT COULD BLOW UP THE ENTIRE AREA!



AHH, I THANK YOU!



I MUST GO SEE THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE!

LOOVER, HE STILL HAS THE GUN! FOR SAFETY'S SAKE WE'D BETTER GET IT BACK!

HE'S ONLY CARRYING IT!

THE FOOLS! AS SOON AS I GET FAR ENOUGH AWAY, I'M GOING TO BLAST THEM INTO ETERNITY! THEN I'LL SHOOT UP THE ATOM DUMP AREA! EVERYTHING GOES SKY HIGH!

LOOVER! NOW I KNOW WHY DUBLOC MAKES ME SO JUMPY! HE REMINDS ME OF IRON JAW! HIS SIZE... THE WAY HE WALKS!

YOU'RE CRAZY, C.B.! IRON JAW'S DEAD! BESIDES, YOU CHECKED HIS FINGERPRINTS YOURSELF! YOU'RE AS NERVOUS AS SQUEEKS! YOU BOTH NEED VACATIONS!

LISTEN, NO MATTER WHO DUBLOC IS, HE MAKES ME NERVOUS, CARRYING THAT GUN AND I'M GOING TO GET IT FROM HIM!

PARDON ME, MR. DUBLOC, BUT MAY I RETURN THE GUN TO THE FIRING RANGE! IT ISN'T SAFE TO...

NO! I HAVE NOT YET SATISFIED MYSELF OF ITS VALUE! I WISH TO EXPERIMENT MORE!

YOU MAY EXAMINE IT FURTHER BACK AT THE FIRING LINE! I WILL TAKE IT BACK! HAND IT OVER PLEASE...

THOSE EYES! THE ONLY OTHER PERSON WHO COULD LOOK THAT EVIL IS IRON JAW! IT MAY BE INSANE, BUT I MUST FIND OUT!

YOU CAN'T FOOL ME, IRON JAW!

YOU MEDDLING BRAT! THIS TIME YOU WON'T GET AWAY FROM ME!

I'LL BREAK YOU IN TWO, YOU LITTLE DEMON!

I'VE GOT TO GET THAT GUN AWAY FROM HIM!



DROP IT!

HE MADE AN UNPROVOKED ATTACK ON MR. DUBLOC!

WE WERE GUARANTEED PROTECTION FROM BODILY HARM WHEN WE AGREED TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE!

ARREST THAT FELLOW!

YEOW!

C.B.! HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?

I'LL HANDLE HIM!

CRACK!

DUBLOC! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY C.B. DID IT!

DROP THAT GUN AND GET YOUR HANDS UP... ALL OF YOU... OR I'LL BLAST YOU OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH! START BACKING UP TO THAT FIRING LINE!

IRON JAW!

HE'S AS DEADLY AS A COBRA WITH THAT GUN IN HIS HANDS! AND HE INTENDS TO BLOW THIS PLANT SKY-HIGH! I CAN SEE IT IN HIS EYES! ONLY HOW CAN WE STOP HIM!

HE WOULD NOT DARE TO SHOOT US!

IRON JAW WOULD DO ANYTHING!

IRON JAW, BEFORE YOU SHOOT ME, TELL ME ONE THING! WHAT HAPPENED TO THE REAL DUBLOC!

HA, HA, HA! HE IS LOCKED IN MY TRUNK IN A HOTEL ROOM THREE FLOORS ABOVE HIS ROOM - PROBABLY SUFFOCATED BY NOW! HA, HA! AND IT WAS I THAT YOU CHECKED SO CAREFULLY LAST NIGHT!

PREPARE TO DIE, SCUM!



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Loot In The Library



SLUCKER'S mind was full of thoughts of pirates and buried treasure. He couldn't get his hands on enough literature on the subject. It all started in his history class when they touched on the subject of Sir Henry Morgan which ignited his imagination. Simultaneously Slugger was assigned to write a theme, the subject to be of his own choosing, for his English Comp class. What better subject could he choose than swashbuckling adventures of the pirates? So interested in his new found subject, Slugger forgot that he was actually doing research for his composition. Having read all the books in the school library on the subject, Slugger went one afternoon to the Public Library to see what he could find.

Slugger found the librarian, Miss Steele, very helpful and she led him to a whole shelfful of books about pirates. The afternoon passed swiftly as Slugger read of the fabulous pirate adventures and the more fabulous tales of buried treasures that were never found. So absorbed was he that when he suddenly felt a hand tapping him on the shoulder he almost jumped out of his chair. However, it was Miss Steele telling him it was closing time. Slugger hopped up, checked out two books and walked to the barn in a daze.

"Wouldn't it be exciting to find some buried treasure?" queried Slugger that evening at dinner.

"You've been reading too many pirate stories lately," piped up Jock who had just finished reading the evening paper. "Here's something more modern to go on," Jock read from the paper. "\$5,000 in cash missing from Center City Bank. Authorities believe the theft to be an inside job and employees of the bank are being questioned."

"That's exciting, all right," continued Curly, "but it wouldn't be as much fun hunting for that money as it would for buried pirate treasure."

Later that evening as Slugger was flipping through one of the books he was surprised when a paper fell to the floor from between

the leaves. As it fell Slugger's imagination raced, "a secret code, a map, what is it?" He leaned over to pick up the paper and was disappointed to discover on it only a library cataloguing number, B394ro, scratched on the paper in pencil. Ashamed of himself for jumping to conclusions, Slugger crushed the paper and threw it away, hoping the other Wise Guys hadn't realized what had gone through his mind. Again he settled down to his books and had read them both from cover to cover by the time the evening was over.

The next day Slugger returned to the library to leave his two books and get some more. As he settled down to read he suddenly remembered the slip of paper. Though he'd thrown it away he remembered the number. Slugger had never been very well acquainted with the system of cataloguing in the library but he found B394ro with little trouble and it turned out to be a life of Beethoven. Curiosity led Slugger to take the book off the shelf. Out fell a slip of paper. Slugger jumped back in surprise then leaned over and picked it up. Written on the paper was another cataloguing number.

Now Slugger couldn't stop. He had to follow that number. He found the book, opened it and again out fell a white slip of paper. Written on it was another number.

This time Slugger's search led him by the desk of the librarian. She looked up at him in surprise and said, "My goodness young man, I didn't know you were such a reader. You've been through Biography, Anthropology, Theology, Thermodynamics and I don't know what all!"

Not wanting to tell Miss Steele of his wild goose chase, Slugger answered, "Well, Ma'am, I'm just doing a little research."

"How interesting," she continued, wanting to talk. "What sort of a thesis are you writing? Can I help you at all?"

"Well, er," answered Slugger, "I-er-haven't decided yet. Thanks, maybe you can help me later," he said over his shoulder as he hurried down the long line of shelves.

This time his search led him way into the wings of the building. On and on he went searching for the obscure book. Finally almost at the end of the shelf, in a dark corner, he found the book he was looking for. He pulled it from the shelf, shook the leaves free and much to his disappointment nothing fell out. He was about to put the book on the shelf when he noticed how old it was. The cover was frayed and worn on the edges and the binding was broken. Thinking he'd call Miss Steele's attention to this, Slugger took the book with him. As Slugger walked by the shelves from the back wing of the library he examined the book. The cloth binding was completely loose at the edge of the back cover. He pulled up the frayed cloth and could slip his hand in between the cloth and the cardboard cover. As he slipped his hand in he felt some paper inside. He stopped short, held the book to the light, pulled his hand out and in it he held five \$100 bills.

Slugger gasped. He looked at the money. He'd never seen \$100 bills before. And they were brand new. He scratched his head dumbfounded. What should he do? He wanted to tell Miss Steele, then again he thought he'd better not. Then he decided what to do.

Slugger gathered himself together, slipped the money back in the binding and walked up to the desk. "I think I'll check this out, Miss Steele."

Miss Steele took the book to stamp it, looked up at Slugger in surprise and said, "So you've settled on Philosophy, Kant's Critique?"

"Well, er, I'm just sort of feeling my way around, Miss Steele," answered Slugger who, in his excitement, had not even noticed what the book was.

Slugger could hardly wait to get out of the library but he wanted to act as nonchalant as possible. As soon as he hit the bottom step of the building he turned on full steam and ran down to headquarters. He raced in the door and almost ran head on into the Desk Sergeant who had just got up to stretch his legs. "Hi, there, Slugger. What's on your mind?" the Sergeant greeted.

Slugger handed the Sergeant the book and breathlessly told his story. "Is that the money that was stolen?" he concluded.

The Sergeant had been looking at the bills incredulously and answered, "Yes, this is part of it. The numbers on the bills check." Again he examined the book, looked in the card pocket in the back and pulled out a white slip of paper. On the paper was written, J85fi.

"All we can do now," continued the sergeant, "is comb the library thoroughly. You can help us Slugger. This will have to be a secret until the thief who stole that money thinks it's safe to come out of hiding and recover it."

Slugger, sworn to secrecy, helped the police at the library. In order to create no disturbance and no suspicion, Slugger and two plain-clothes men followed the same routine that Slugger had previously followed in discovering the first \$500. First they followed J85fi. Slugger checked the book out while Miss Steele registered surprise at his interest in Finnegan's Wake. The book on examination produced another \$500 and another code number. They

continued to follow the clues and each time the inevitable cache was there. Even though this was going on under Miss Steele's nose she had no suspicion whatsoever, she even ceased to be amazed at Slugger's choice of books. When he finally checked out Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire she resignedly thought, "That boy must be a genius!"

The money was completely recovered and all that remained for the police was to wait quietly and apprehend the thief. Someone was stationed at the library constantly but to Miss Steele and any other occupants he seemed just another bookworm. The excitement of the bank robbery had died down in the town and nothing appeared in the newspapers.

One day a quiet little man in a brown suit walked into the Public Library. He went to the shelves, disappeared in the wing then came back to the desk almost immediately. "I'm looking for Kant's Critique of Pure Reason," he said to Miss Steele.

Miss Steele flipped through the cards and said, "I'm sorry, that book has been checked out. It should be back in a day or so. Shall I hold it?"

The man again walked back to the shelves and again returned to the desk with a look of dismay. This time a plain-clothes man walked up to him quietly, held something firmly in his back and said, "You're under arrest."

The next morning the story broke in the papers. The robbery had been an inside job, one of the tellers had quietly walked out with \$5,000 in his pocket. He had appeared for work every day since the robbery waiting for the affair to quiet down. Thinking all was safe he went after his loot, only to find it missing and was apprehended by the police in, of all places, the Public Library! A reward was to be given to the boy who had aided the police in their discovery but for the present time his name would be kept quiet until the police were sure he was in no danger from possible cohorts of the thief.

That same morning Slugger's English theme was due. He handed in a paper entitled, "The Catalogued Clues". Slugger was held after class and Mrs. Sanford reprimanded, "Slugger, I can't accept this theme! It's a sheer case of plagiarism from an obvious source — this morning's paper!"

"But, Mrs. Sanford," Slugger started to explain. Then realizing he was sworn to secrecy he checked himself. Slugger, disgraced in the eyes of his teacher, walked from the room.

The next morning Slugger dejectedly got out of bed and went out for the paper. He was surprised to see his own face staring at him from the front page. "YOUNG HERO RESPONSIBLE FOR APPREHENSION OF BANK ROBBER," he read. Then he read on that it was now safe to release his name as the job had been a single-handed robbery and no side-kicks were out for retribution.

Slugger forced himself to go to his English class, slunk into his seat and tried not to look at Mrs. Sanford. Her opening words were, "Slugger, I owe you an apology and I want the class to know that your theme was by far the most comprehensive, and I'm giving you an A plus!"

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IRON JAW SET OFF A TANK TRAP! I TRIED TO WARN HIM!

IT MUST HAVE BLOWN HIM TO BITS!

WHAT A HORRIBLE WAY TO DIE!

DOESN'T IRON JAW KNOW WHEN HE'S HAD ENOUGH? EVEN WITHOUT THE MIRACULOUS BLAST THAT KEPT HIS BODY IN ONE PIECE, HE WOULD MOST CERTAINLY BE DEAD IF THE SMALL ATOM BLAST THAT WAS BEING EXPERIMENTED WITH HAD BEEN RADIOACTIVE! IRON JAW GETS ANOTHER CHANCE TO DESTROY CRIMEBUSTER! WHAT DOES HE DO WITH IT?

Charles Biro



HEY, I JUST FOUND OUT WHAT THAT EXPLOSION WAS ABOUT! CRIMEBUSTER DISCOVERED IRON JAW WAS MASQUERADING AS ONE OF THOSE FOREIGN ENVOYS AND IRON JAW GOT BLOWN UP BY A TANK TRAP WHEN HE WAS TRYING TO ESCAPE!

YEAH? GEE, WHAT A WAY TO DIE! IF IT WAS ANYONE BUT IRON JAW I'D FEEL SORRY!



BOY, I HATE THIS GARBAGE DETAIL! OF ALL THE SMELLY JOBS! LET'S GET BACK AND TAKE SHOWERS! I'VE GOT A DATE TONIGHT...SHE'D DIE IF SHE KNEW WHAT MY JOB WAS!



IT'S FIVE MINUTES TILL QUITTING TIME! LET'S KNOCK OFF NOW! IT'S MY KID'S BIRTHDAY AND I'D LIKE TO GET HOME EARLY ENOUGH TO SEE THE END OF HER PARTY!

OKAY, HANK! THAT SUITS ME! I'VE GOT A KID MYSELF SO I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL!



WHERE AM I? NO! NO, IT CAN'T BE! WHAT IS THAT HORRIBLE SMELL?



IT'S GARBAGE!
FILTHY GARBAGE!
THAT SIGN "CITY
INCINERATOR"...
UGGH! I MUST GET
OUT OF HERE,
QUICKLY!



A CAR! I'M
IN LUCK! IF I
CAN SNEAK INTO
IT WITHOUT BEING
SEEN I CAN MAKE
MY ESCAPE AND
GET TO
LOUIS!



IRON JAW!
NO! YOU MUST
BE A GHOST!
YOU WERE
KILLED! IT'S
IN THE
PAPER!

YOU STUPID
IDIOT! LET
ME SEE THE
PAPERS! AND
GET ME THAT
EXTRA IRON
JAW I LEFT
HERE FOR
EMERGENCIES!



**IRON JAW
BLOWN TO
BITS IN
EXPLOSION
AT FORT
STEVEN'S
MUNITIONS
PLANT!**

**BRILLIANT
POLICE WORK
REWARDED!**

CRIMEBUSTER AND
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
LOOVER HAVE BEEN
GIVEN A TWO WEEK
VACATION AT THE
MOUNTAIN LODGE
AS A REWARD
FOR THEIR BRAVE
POLICE WORK
IN CHASING DOWN
THE INFAMOUS
AND DEADLY
IRON JAW.
IRON JAW WILL
BE CALLED AFTER
CRIMES ARE
COMMITTED
WITH
NEW
WEAPONS.

HURRY UP WITH
THAT JAW, LOUIS! I'M
GOING TO THE WHITE
MOUNTAINS ON BUSINESS...
TO ARRANGE A FATAL
ACCIDENT FOR
LOOVER AND
CRIMEBUSTER!



THIS WILL BE THE FIRST
SKIING I'VE DONE IN A
YEAR, C.B.! WHAT A
PLEASURE TO RELAX
AND HAVE SOME FUN
WITHOUT HAVING IRON
JAW ON
MY MIND!

THE FEELING'S
MUTUAL,
LOOVER!



ALTHOUGH I'D RELAX
EASIER IF I'D SEEN
THE BODY!

HOW COULD
YOU? HE WAS
BLOWN TO
BITS!



THERE THEY ARE! I
KNEW I'D SPOT THEM
FROM HERE IF I WAITED
LONG ENOUGH! WHAT
A PERFECT PLACE TO
START AN AVALANCHE...
ALL I NEED TO DO
IS PUSH THIS
ROCK...



HA! HA!
YOU'RE A
LITTLE OUT
OF PRACTICE,
LOOVER!

OOOPS!



THERE'S
SOMETHING
WRONG WITH
THE BINDING
ON THIS
RIGHT
SKI...

LISTEN!
WHAT'S
THAT
NOISE?

RR RUMBLE



LOOVER! FORGET THE SKI!! KICK OFF THE OTHER ONE AND CLIMB ON MY BACK- QUICK! THERE'S AN AVALANCHE!



HANG ON!



WHEW! IF THAT SNOW HADN'T A GOOD CRUST WE'D NEVER HAVE MOVED FAST ENOUGH TO GET CLEAR OF IT!



IT STARTED UP THERE FROM THAT PRECIPICE... YOU CAN SEE THE JAGGED MARK WHERE THE FIRST BOULDER STARTED... BUT WAIT! WHAT'S THAT SHINING IN THE SUNLIGHT UP THERE? LOOKS LIKE METAL! HMMMM!

MAYBE SOME KIND OF TRAIL MARKER! THAT'S THE TRAIL LEADING UP TO THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT PRESIDENT!



HMM! LET'S SWITCH OVER TO MOUNTAIN CLIMBING THIS AFTER-NOON! WE COULD REACH THE OVER-NIGHT CAMP BY SUNDOWN AND REACH THE TOP TOMORROW!

YOU'RE CRAZY, C.B.! ONLY FIVE PEOPLE HAVE EVER REACHED THE SUMMIT IN WINTERTIME! STILL, IT WOULD BE FUN TO TRY!



I CAN SEE THE CABIN UP AHEAD!

GOOD! WE'LL NEED A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP IF WE HOPE TO GET TO THE TOP TOMORROW!



LISTEN TO THAT WIND! IT'S A LUCKY THING FOR US THAT THIS SHACK IS ANCHORED BY CABLES!

UH-HUH! (YAWN!) GOSH! I'M SLEEPY!

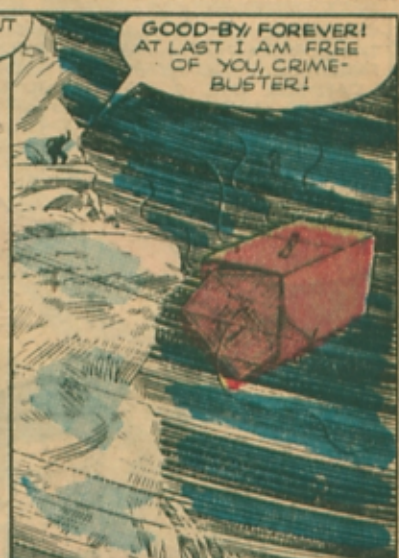


AH! THIS TIME THERE WILL BE NO MISTAKE! THEY WILL GO TO THEIR DEATHS-ASLEEP!



SQUEEK! SQUEEK!

AW... GO TO SLEEP, SQUEEKS! I'LL BET YOU'RE STILL HAVING NIGHTMARES ABOUT IRON JAW!





CRIMEBUSTER!
BRACE YOURSELF!
GRAB SOMETHING!



HANG ON,
C.B., AND
I'LL PULL
YOU UP!

I CAN
HANG ON—
KEEP AN
EYE ON
IRON
JAW!



LOOVER,
YOU LET
HIM
GET
AWAY!

HOW LONG COULD
YOU HAVE HELD ON
TO THAT ROCK
WITH ONE HAND
AND NO GLOVES
ON? YOUR LIFE IS
WORTH TWENTY
IRON JAWS!



LOOVER, YOU'LL HAVE TO
GO BACK AND GET THE
STATE TROOPERS! WE MUST
CATCH THAT MADMAN!
I'LL TRAIL HIM UP THE
MOUNTAIN AND MARK MY
WAY SO YOU CAN FOLLOW
WITH HELP! DON'T
WORRY... I'LL BE
CAREFUL!

I HATE
TO LEAVE
YOU... HE
HAS THE
ADVANTAGE
OF BEING
ABOVE
YOU ON
THE
TRAIL!



LOOVER HATED TO
GO BACK BUT IT WAS
THE ONLY WAY! SQUEEK
IS AS GOOD AS A
DOZEN GUIDES AND
HE'S QUICKER AT
SENSING WHERE IRON
JAW IS THAN I
AM!



SQUEEK!
SQUEEK!



YOU WON'T
ESCAPE
THIS TIME,
CRIMEBUSTER!



WE'LL
SEE ABOUT
THAT!



AEEII!



ONLY A MIRACLE CAN SAVE IRON JAW NOW!



THE FALL KNOCKED HIM OUT! HE'LL BE A GONER IF HE SLIDES INTO THAT CREVASSE! BUT THIS TIME I WANT TO MAKE SURE HE'S DEAD!



HE'S SLIDING SLOWLY... I MAY BE ABLE TO MANAGE BUT THIS LEDGE ISN'T TOO STRONG! I CAN'T TRUST PUTTING MY WHOLE WEIGHT ON THE ROPE!



THIS AXE HAS GOT HOLD!



WHEW! ONE SECOND MORE AND HE'D BE ENTOMBED IN A GRAVE 2,000 FEET DEEP!



I PROBABLY WAS FOOLISH TO SAVE HIM! HE DESERVED TO DIE... BUT JUSTICE WILL SEE TO THAT!



C.B.! WHAT HAPPENED! AS WE CAME UP THE TRAIL WE SAW YOU MAKE THAT CRAZY FOOLHARDY ATTEMPT TO SAVE IRON JAW BUT WE COULDN'T SEE WHAT HAPPENED AFTER YOU JUMPED!

HE'S DOWN THERE... TIED TO MY ROPE!



DON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES WITH HIM! I WANT TO SEE HIM BEHIND BARS!

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